

Amendment to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please amend paragraph [0027] on page 6 of the application specification as indicated:

[0027] In a further aspect, an embodiment of the invention has an end spacing configured to match the relative distance the needle needs to be retracted after the initial insertion in order to position the needle relative to a site, eliminating retraction prior to ~~[[see]]~~ seed placement, and allowing all needles to be inserted to the same depth in the patient, thus reducing implant time.

Please amend paragraph [0065] on page 13 of the application specification as indicated:

[0065] In other embodiments, the strand or member can be made with the incorporation of drugs and/or hormones and/or other therapeutics, which are embedded in or formed in the polymer and/or seeds. Thus, the embodiment of the invention can deliver not only radioactive seeds, but such therapeutic drugs, hormones and other therapeutic devices. In addition, the strand or member can deliver heated seeds such as provided by ATI Medical of San Diego, California. These seeds can be preferably heated to from about six (6) degrees centigrade to about seventy (70) degrees centigrade after being inserted into a patient in a preferred embodiment. ~~ATI Medical is located at (www.ATImedical.com), and reference to such heated seeds is incorporated herein by reference.~~